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MOSES ACTION ALERT

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The Mass. Endangered Species Act is Under Attack - We Need Your Help!

MOSES Members,
The Following Action Alert was sent by one of our key advocacy partners, Mass Audubon. MOSES has about 20 wildlife biologist who work daily to protect these important endangered and threatened animal species. Please read and take action !

There is a radical effort to repeal the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) and we need your help to stop it in its tracks!

The legislation, An Act Relative to Land Takings (Senate Bill 1854 filed by Senator Candaras, D-Springfield) is in the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Both environmental groups and the business community have supported the standards the program uses to protect endangered species. This effort to gut endangered species protections is coming from a limited, but very vocal, few.

Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee Chairs, Representative Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and Senator Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton), are considering revisions that we strongly oppose. Mass Audubon, MOSES and our partners are working hard to stop the bill in its tracks and we need your help!

We urge you to contact [Chairman Pacheco](#) and [Chairwoman Gobi](#) today - by phone, email, fax or mail -- to ask them to protect endangered species and table Senate Bill 1854. Be sure to let your representative and senator know where you stand, and ask them to speak to the Chairs as well.

You can find out who your legislators are and how to contact them [here](#).

To gain a closer understanding of the legislation and issues, please see the [joint testimony](#) on the bill by Mass Audubon, ELM, MOSES and others.

To view the bill see [SB1854An Act relative to land takings](#).

Read the 2009 [article](#) in the Valley Advocate about the main sponsor of this bill and the recent Springfield Republican [article](#).

Thank you for stepping up to protect endangered species!

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